

# Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency Offers Financial Assistance for Businesses Affected by Super Storm Sandy

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**Farmingville, NY** - In response to the severe impact that Super Storm Sandy had throughout the community, the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (IDA) is offering financial assistance for businesses to repair damages to their facilities and replace equipment that was destroyed during the storm. Businesses that are deemed eligible for relief will receive State and County sales tax exemptions. The IDA has already received three applications from businesses seeking to take advantage of the Sandy Disaster Relief program.

Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine said, "Super Storm Sandy created such terrible hardship for many business owners, causing some to close their doors for an extended period of time. We must do everything possible to get these businesses back on track and I commend the IDA board for offering financial assistance to those who need it most. I urge all businesses that were impacted by the storm to take advantage of this program."

IDA Board Chairman Fred Braun said, "Historically, IDA benefits have been conveyed to larger companies in exchange for capital investments and promised job growth. This program will make some of those benefits available to the small and mid-sized businesses in Brookhaven who desperately need assistance in rebuilding their businesses."

In order to be considered for Sandy Disaster Relief, businesses must complete a short application that includes the number of employees, payroll, type of business and products and/or services provided by the company. Applicants must also include a cost estimate for the repair and replacement of lost equipment due to the storm. There is a \$50 fee to apply.

To obtain an application for the Town of Brookhaven IDA's Sandy Disaster Relief, please call Lisa Mulligan, CEO of the Brookhaven Town IDA at 631-451-6563.

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